# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
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PRODUCTION OF JUTE
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of jute in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the production of jute during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, the incentives/schemes proposed to be extended to the jute growers in the country particularly in Orissa during the said period?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The production of jute in Orissa has fallen from 1998-99 to 2000-01 as is evident from the data given in the table below:

| | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Production | | | |
| (`000 bales of 180 Kgs. each) | 41.6 | 39.2 | 36.7 |
| Area (`000 ha.) | 5.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Yield Rate | | | |
| (Kg./ha.) | 1413 | 1721 | 1694 |

(b): This fall in production is because of the fall in the area coverage under jute in the State.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): To increase the production and improve the quality of jute fibre, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Special Jute Development Programme with 100% Central assistance had been in operation in jute growing States including Orissa. Under this scheme, assistance was given to the farmers in the form of distribution of seed/planting material, implements, post harvest technology (Kutcha/Pucca retting tank, fungal culture packets, decorticator, deguming unit). Farmers training and technology demonstration etc., were also organized.

From October 2000, the Special Jute Development programme has beensubsumed under the Macro Management Scheme which gives more flexibility to the States to address their respective specific problems depending on local requirements, which is expected to boost production of Jute.